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1. DISMISSAL OF JOURNALISTS: A PLENARY MEETING OF WORKERS AT LISBON'S COMMUNIST-INFLUENCED DIARO DE NOTICIAS VOTED AUG. 27 TO DISMISS 22 OF THE 30 STAFF MEMBERS (MOSTLY NEWSMEN) WHO HAD PROTESTED THAT THE PAPER WAS NOT FOLLOWING ITS PROCLAIMED POLICY OF COMPLETE EDITORIAL IDEOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE. THE MOTION APPROVED BY THE PLENARY CALLED FOR THE FIRING OF THE 22 EMPLOYEES "AS THE MAIN INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CASUING BAD OUTSIDE PUBLICITY WHICH REFLECTS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PAPER".

2. SUIT AGAINST EXPRESSO: ITEM IN AUG. 27 DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORTS THAT MARIO MURTEIRA, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND COORDINATION, PLANS TO SUE WEEKLY INDEPENDENT LIBERAL EXPRESSO NEWSPAPER FOR WHAT HE CALLS SLANDER. MURTEIRA SAYS HE IS REACTING TO EXPRESSO STORIES SAYING THAT HE HAS SOUGHT TO REPRESS DISTRIBUTION OF A BOOK HE WROTE CALLED PROBLEMS OF PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH--MURTEIRA SAYS--EXPRESSO HAS TERMED AS FAVORING DEMOCRATIC POLITICS AND OPPOSING "MARXIST SOCIALISM." COMMENT: MURTEIRA'S SUIT IS A LITTLE MORE THAN ANOTHER SHOT IN THE GOP ATTACK AGAINST THE MORE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS.
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